

Johnny the Walrus

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Johnny's
a boy with



a big
imagination

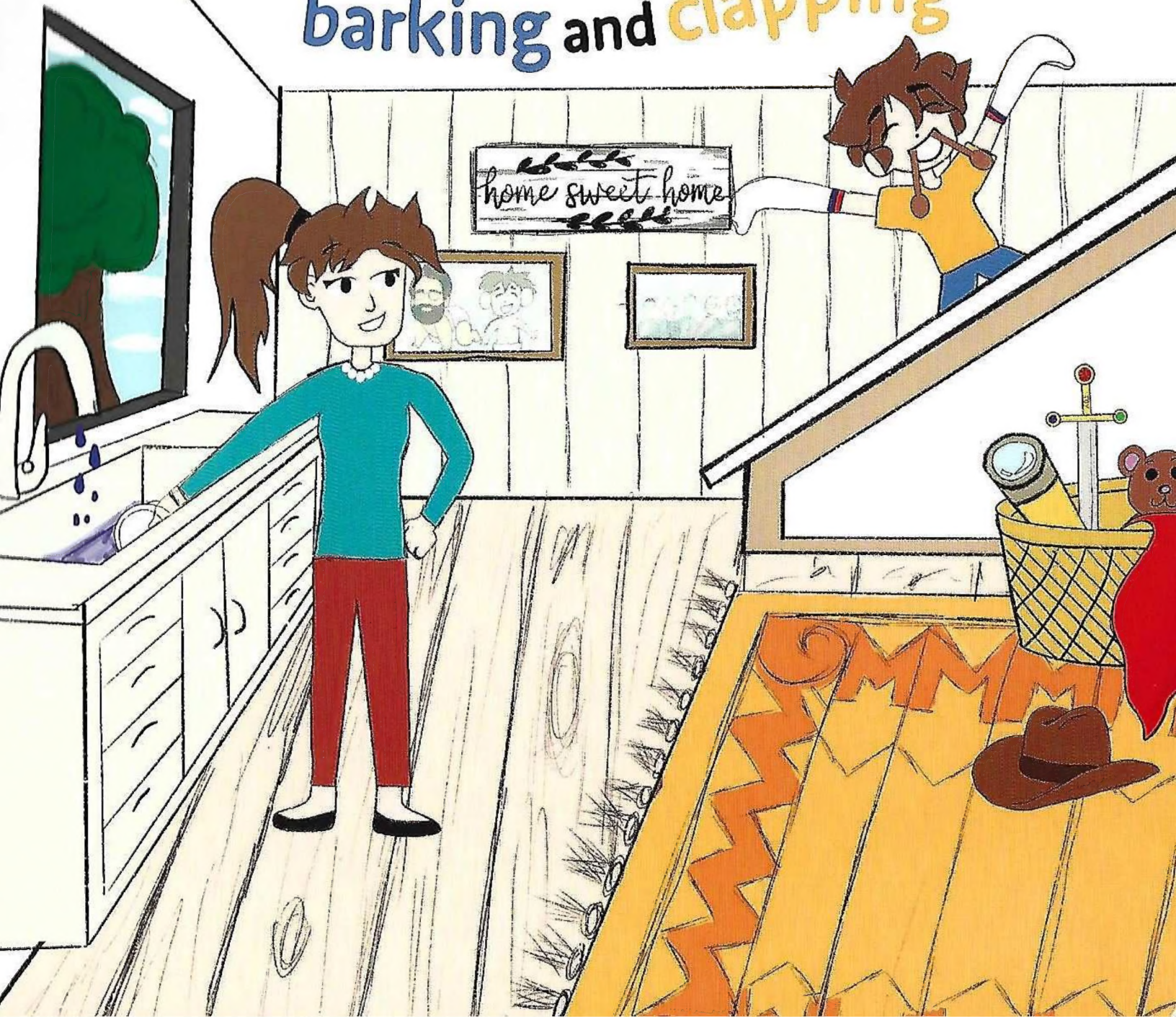
one day he's
a **dog**

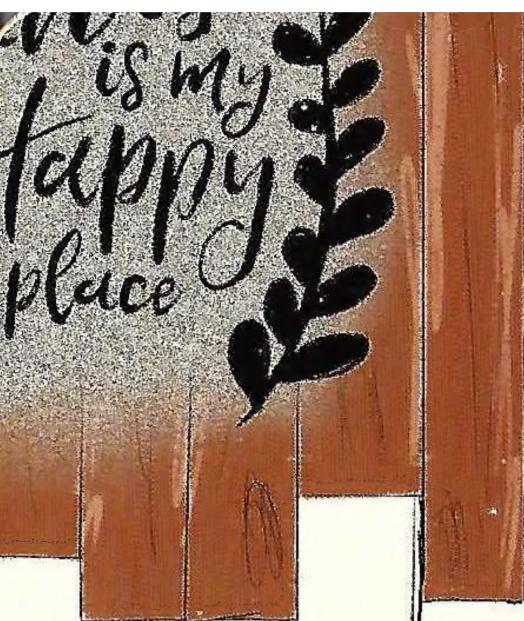


the next day a
crustacean



One morning he came downstairs
barking and clapping

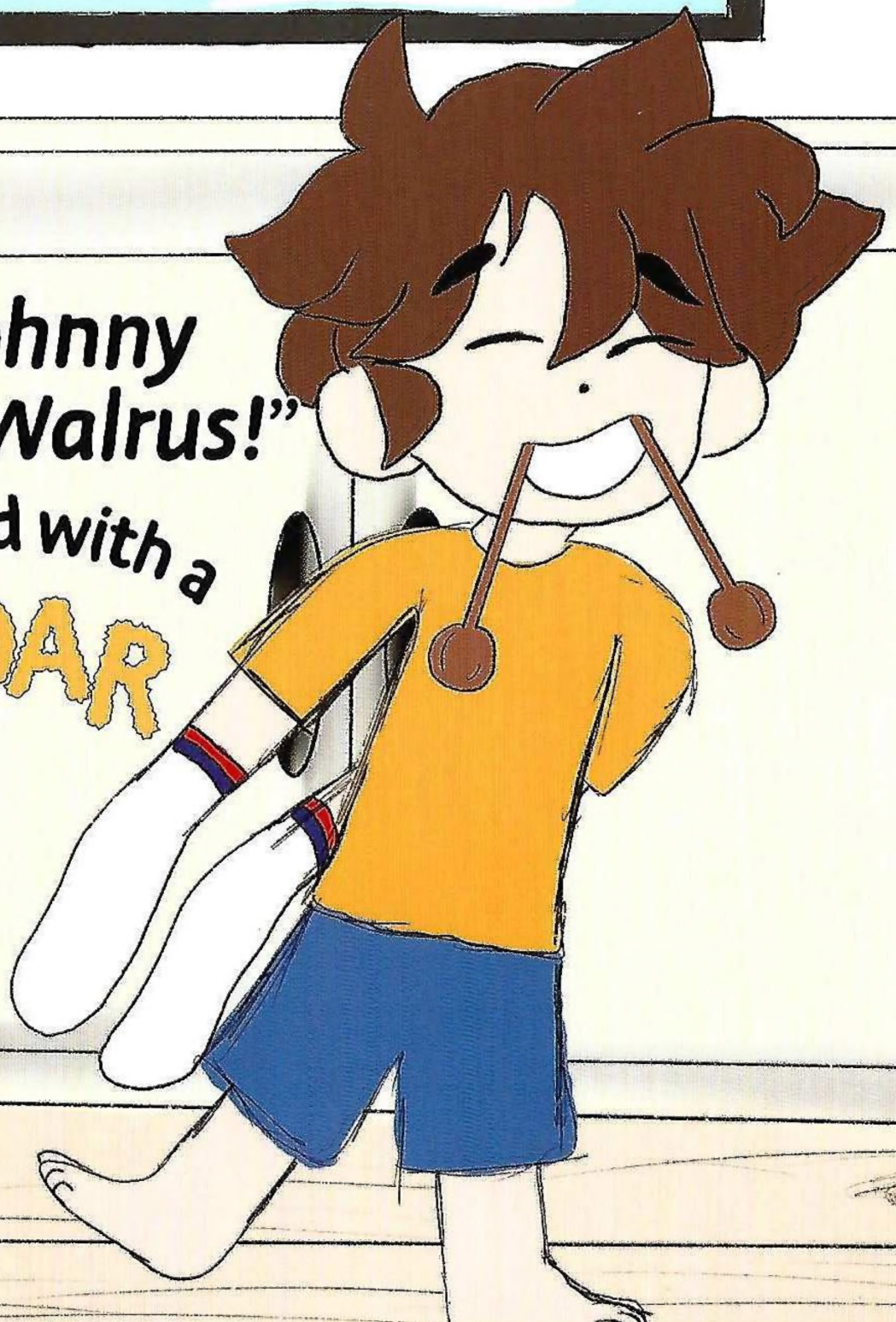




Wood spoons
for tusks
and sock fins
a-flapping



"I'm Johnny
the Walrus!"
he said with a
ROAR





“The wood floor’s my ocean

the carpet’s my shore!”

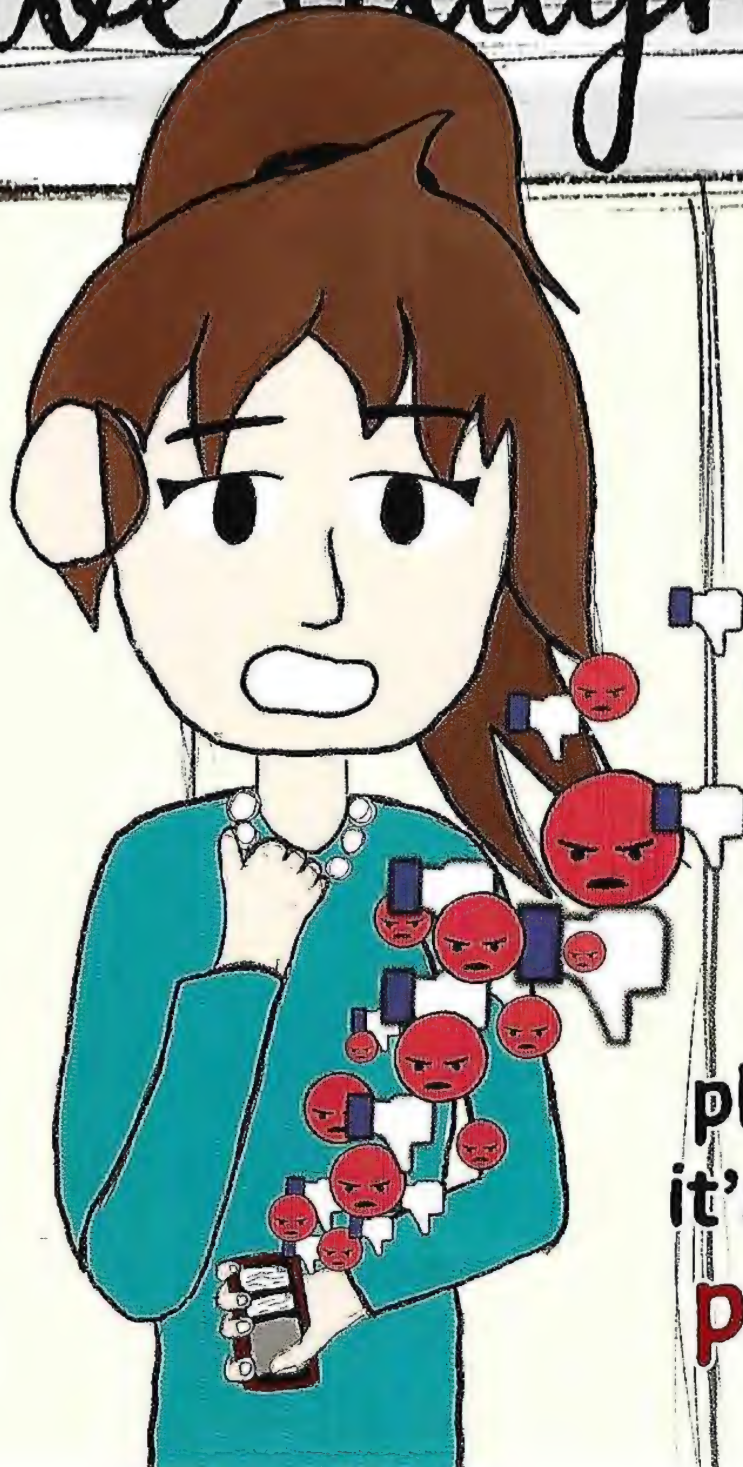


“You’re
**Johnny
the Walrus,**
‘til you
change
your
mind!”

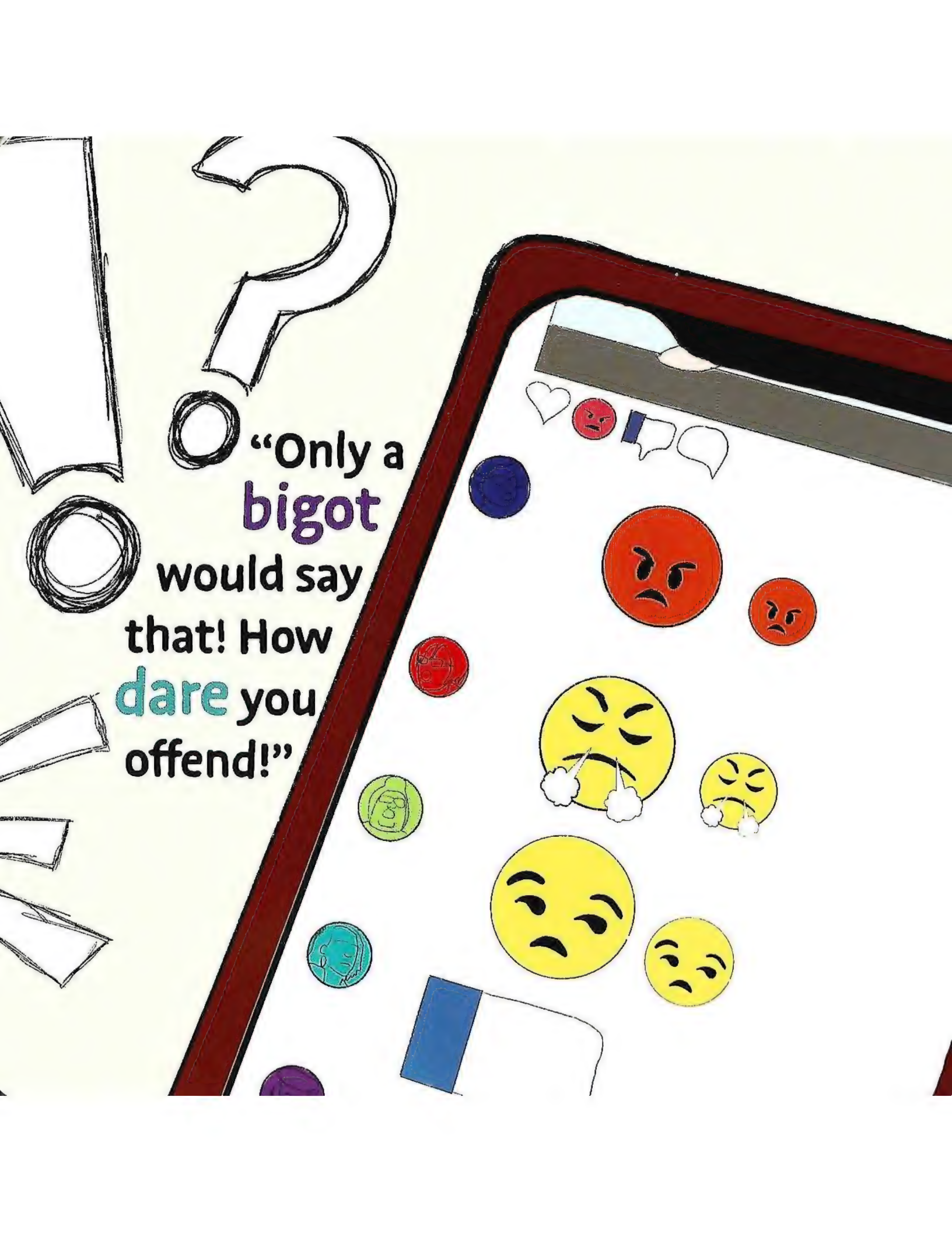


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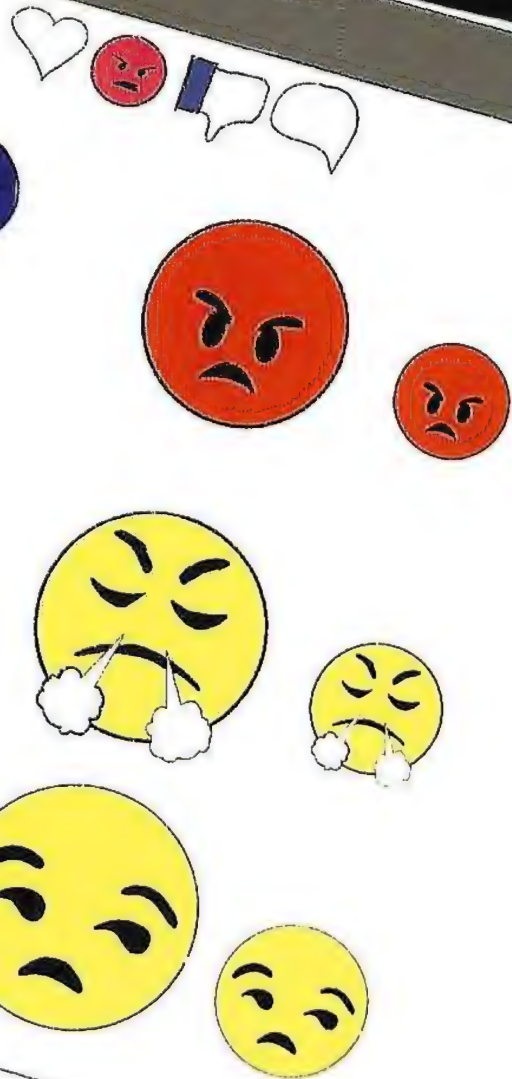
Love laugh love



But
Johnny's
mom's
phone said
it's not just
pretend

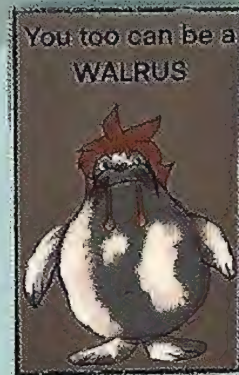


“Only a
bigot
would say
that! How
dare you
offend!”

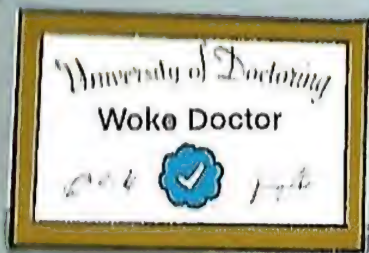




Mommy
was told
to take
John for a
checkup



**“You’ll need to
eat worms
and to put
on gray
makeup!”**



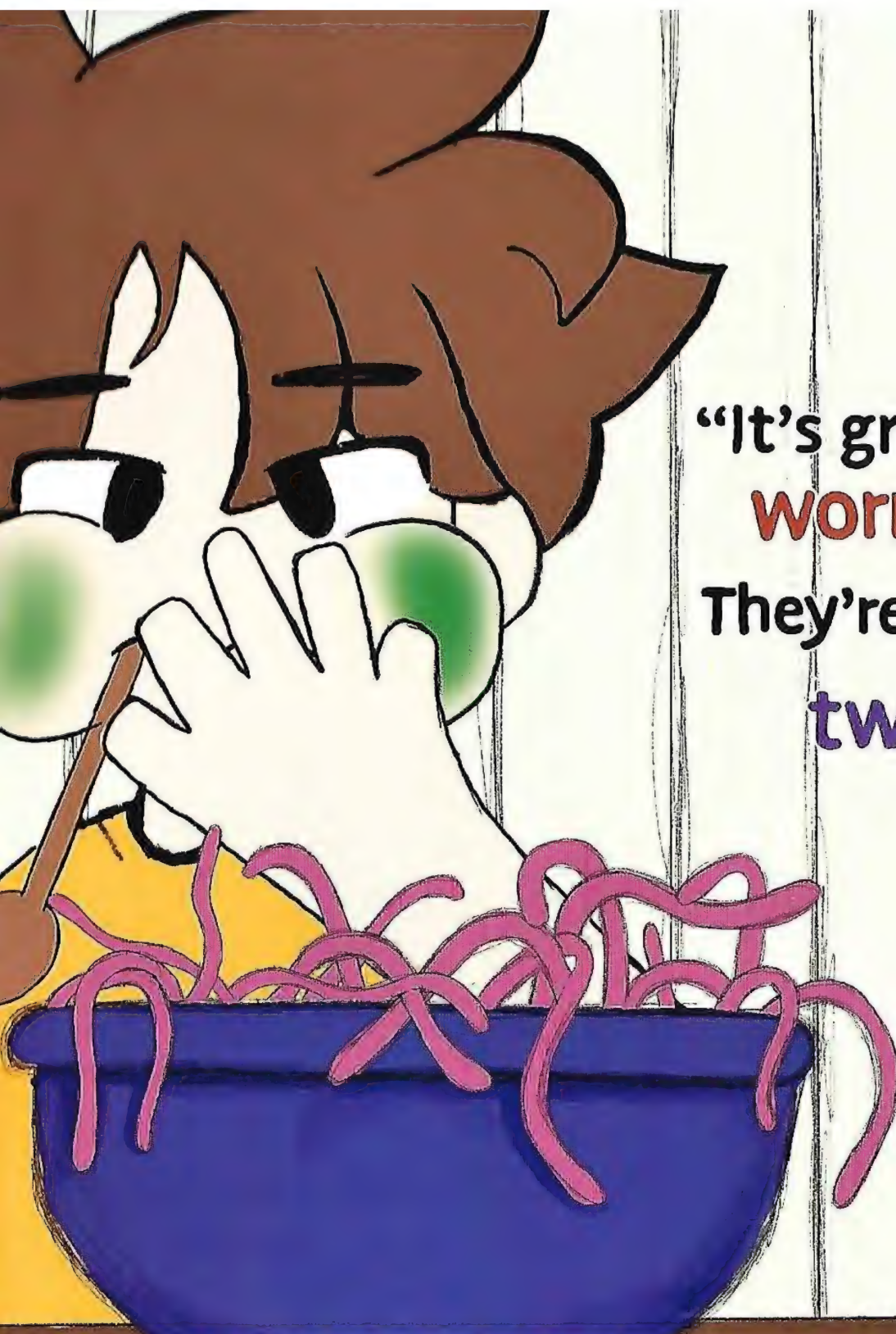
**“The worms
give you
whiskers.**

**The gray
blends
you in.”**



“And a
simple
procedure
cuts **feet**
into **fins!**”



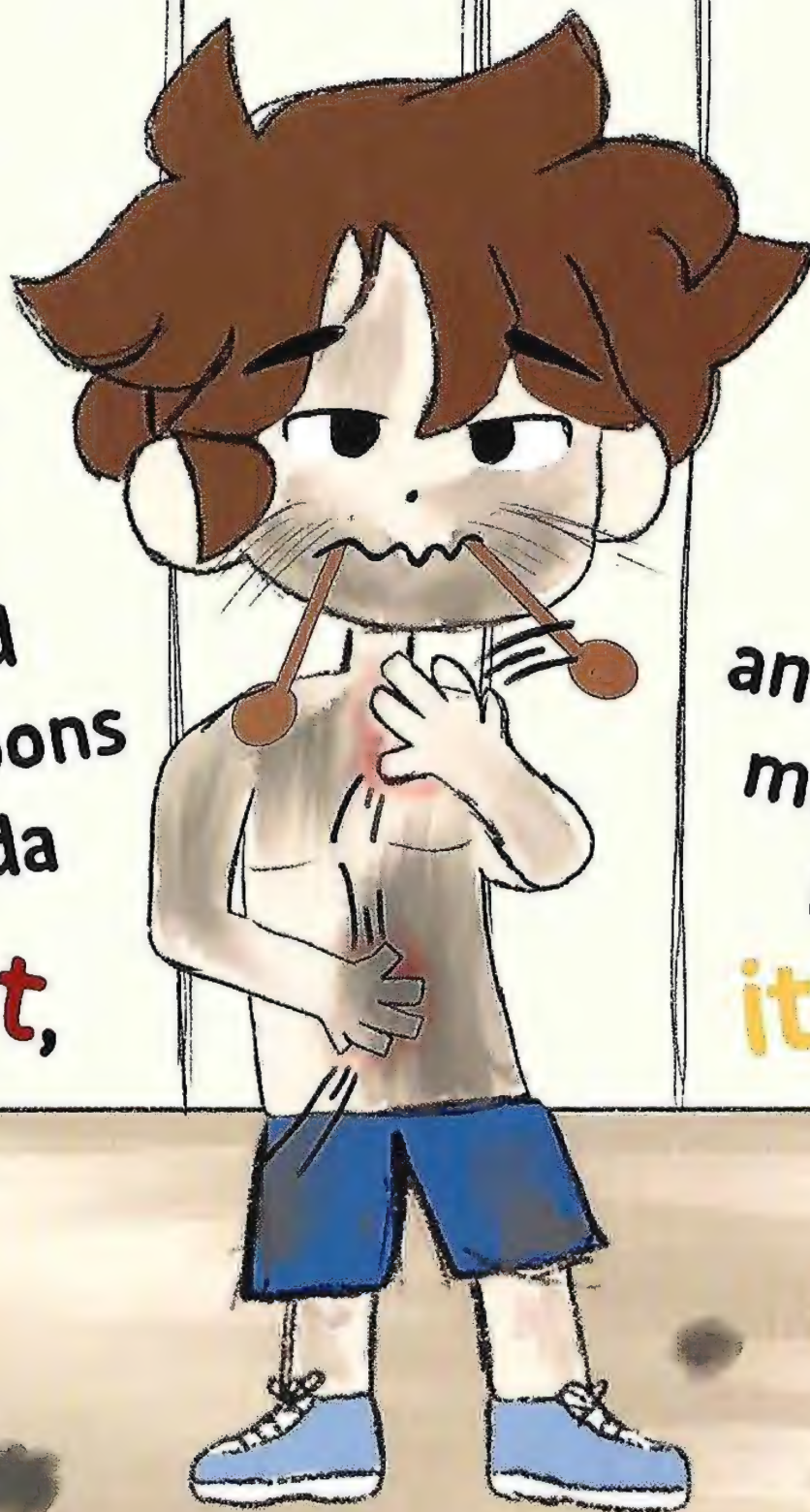


“It’s gross eating
worms, Mom.
They’re all so dang
twitchy!”



“Wood
spoons
kinda
hurt,

and the
makeup
is
itchy.”



Deep down Johnny's mom knew
that something was
wrong



But she felt so much
pressure she just
went along





The
internet
people
knew just
what to do

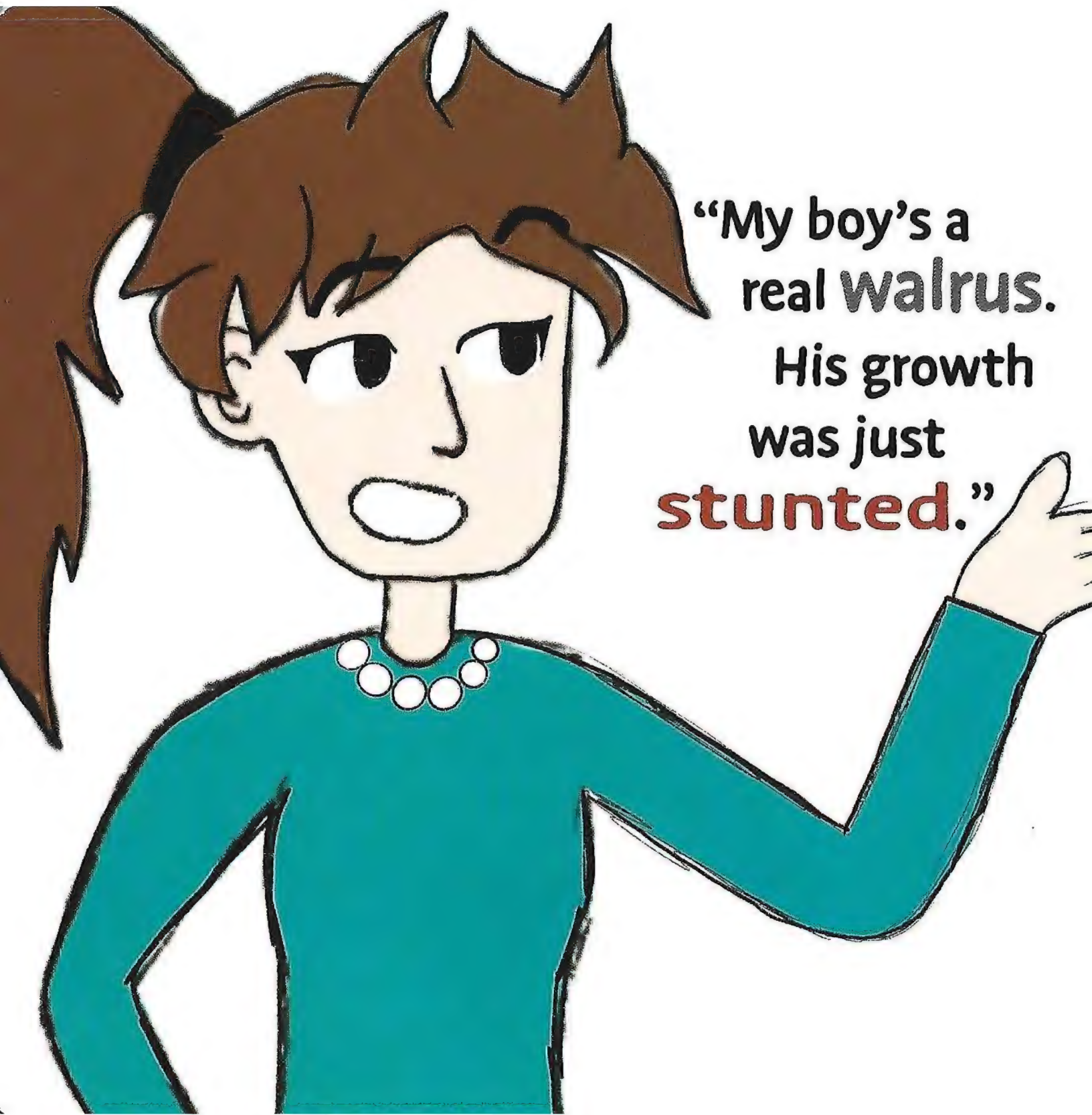


And mommy was told
to take John to the zoo



When Johnny arrived,
the **walruses** grunted





“My boy’s a
real walrus.
His growth
was just
stunted.”

The Zookeeper
thought,

“What’s
she talking
about?”



“Ma’am, that’s just a **boy** with
wood spoons in his mouth!”



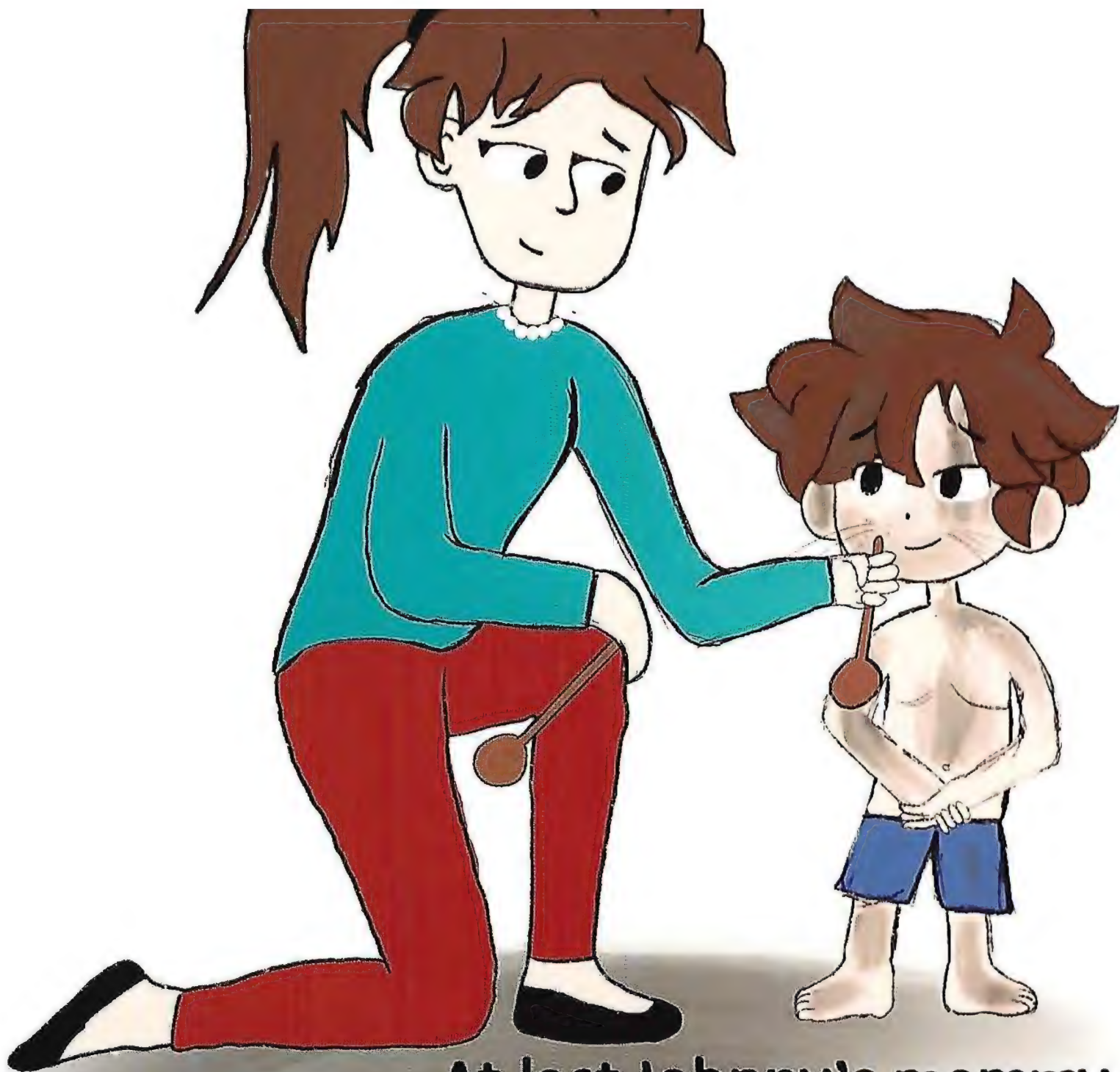


“But if I
believe that,
they’ll say
that I’m
phobic!”



“Protecting
your son,

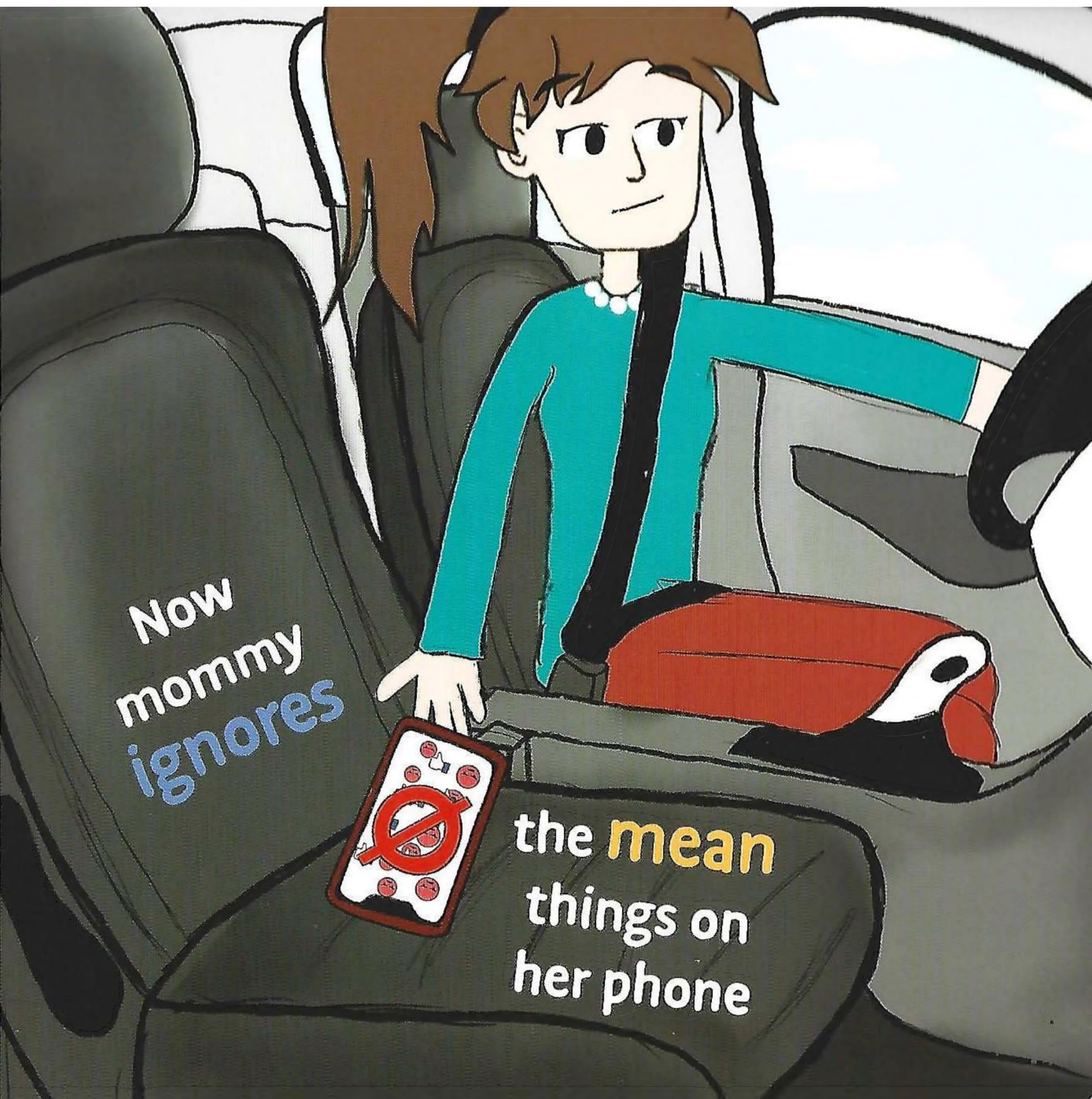
ma’am,
is what’s
most
heroic.”



At last Johnny's mommy
was able to **see**

That Johnny's
not what he's
pretending
to be





While Johnny
pretends

he's a bird flying home



The End

A Tale of Identity and Imagination



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